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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED PL 480 WHEAT ALLOCATION

REF: A) CAIRO 7745; STATE 189197

1. AT ALEXANDRIA AIRPORT YESTERDAY, PRIMIN MANDUH SALEM AND FAHMY RAISED WITH ME GOE'S INTEREST IN GETTING A ONE MILLION METRIC TON PL 480 WHEAT ALLOCATION FOR FY 76. ACCORDING TO FAHMY IDEA HAD INITIALLY COME FROM SALEM. LATTER CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS SO, AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GET SUCH AN ALLOCATION FOR "PLANNING PURPOSES."

2. PURSUANT STATE REFTTEL, I TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING AN 800,000 TON LEVEL. THIS WOULD MAKE GOE LARGEST RECIPIENT OF FY 76 PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT. I STRESSED HE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE THIS AS A FORMAL COMMITMENT, BUT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HIM TO HAVE THAT FIGURE. I ALSO ALLUDED TO RISE IN WHEAT PRICES AND SERIOUS BUDGET CONSTRAINTS IN FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE PRESENT FY 76 PROGRAM AND RECALLED GROWING CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN THAT SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF PL 480 PROGRAM GO FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES TO SOUTH ASIA WHERE POTENTIAL STARVATION EXISTS. I AGREED, NEVERTHELESS, TO PASS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR STUDY.

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3. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME EGYPTIANS HAD HEARD THE

800,000 FIGURE. THEY WERE PLEASED, BUT SALEM REITERATED
HIS HOPE THAT SOMEHOW ONE MILLION TONS COULD BE OBTAINED.
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